

Belvoir Special School Newsletter

38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690



Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready for an exciting term. It has been wonderful to see all the students return this week with big smiles on their face. They have happily reconnected with their peers, quickly settling into their classroom routines, and eagerly participated in learning activities. Today we celebrated NAIDOC week with a variety of activities, smoking Ceremony and school assembly. It was an amazing day and the students enjoyed the variety of activities and events. I would like to acknowledge the hard work Andrew Dear put into ensuring the day was a great success!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are expected to wear Belvoir school uniform each day unless notified in the school newsletter or communication diary that it is a casual or special dress-up day. A school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Belvoir Uniform Policy.

[Uniform school policy \(belvoirss.vic.edu.au\)](http://belvoirss.vic.edu.au) We have noticed with the start of term many students are not wearing their school uniform. We request your support in ensuring students wear their school uniform. In relation to accessing school uniform items:

School beanies are available for purchase at the office to help keep heads and ears warm.

We have a second-hand uniform shop if you want to update an elements of your child school uniform.

Student who are attending a Victorian Government School maybe eligible for State Schools' Relief support and schools can send an application when they believe there is a need to support a family facing difficulties in providing the appropriate uniform and footwear for school. Please contact the office and leave your contact details so Leah can support with this application. Due to the wet weather we have had recently and building works onsite we request that all students have in their bag an additional set of clothing and footwear. Please ensure all clothing is labelled.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP (SSG) MEETINGS

Notes have gone home to us to arrange for a formal student support group meeting. These meetings are a requirement for all of our students and need to occur at least twice per year.

Parents are asked to bring along any ideas that they have for their child's learning program and to consider priorities that they have for their student both in the short and long term.

Once completed a written account of the SSG meetings will be sent home for all parents to keep and monitor across the course of the year. These meetings will be occurring in week 3 from the 29th of July to 2nd of August. If you have yet to communicate meeting preference, please contact your child's classroom teacher to book in your child's meeting.

STAFFING UPDATE

This week we welcome Carly to our administration team in the front office. Carly will be working at the front desk, assisting with the phones and administration duties. Today we bid farewell to Nicole Luftensteiner from our Felltimber inclusion classroom who is taking leave for the next six months. We hope Nicole has a great break. Nicole will be covered by DonnaSroka. We also, farewell Julie Mathews from room 3. We wish Julie well in her new pathway. We are currently interviewing to fill a number of positions within the school and hope to have these filled within the next few weeks.

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council
Wednesday 31 July
6.00pm

**Student free day
Friday 2nd August**

BUS PHONE NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0460 935 609

BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

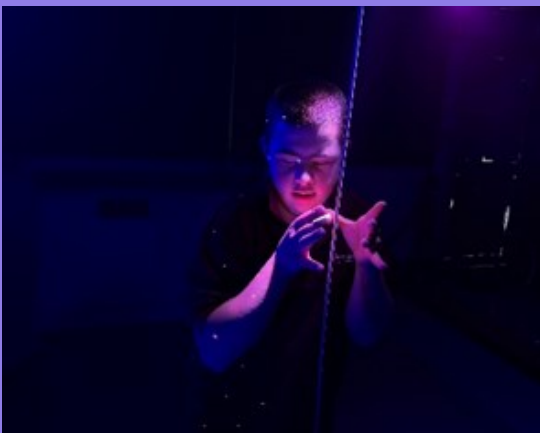
BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

ROOM 17 NEWS

Max, Barren, Renu

Room 17 had a great end to semester 1. We enjoyed the outings to Beechworth Honey, where we learned about bees and how honey is made, and the library, where we returned our books and had a look at some 3D printed robots, in the last few weeks of term 2. In the last week of term we also enjoyed some fun incursions with “Your body is an instrument” and “Crazy big theremin”



We all had a good and well-deserved two weeks of holidays and have come back this term refreshed and ready for more learning. We are looking forward to all the things we will learn and places we will visit on outings with our classroom.



Room 19 News

Erica, Pam and Sue



“It’s good!”- Ben

“I like it. We will use it as a playground”- Ryleigh

“It’s very big. We could use it as a hospital!”- Kianna

“It’s a big house for games”- Caitlin

“It’s got lots of new classrooms. Maybe numbered 25, 26... I’m excited to do my learning in there next year”- Sienna





ROOM 1 NEWS

Cas, Marnie, Kate & Alicia

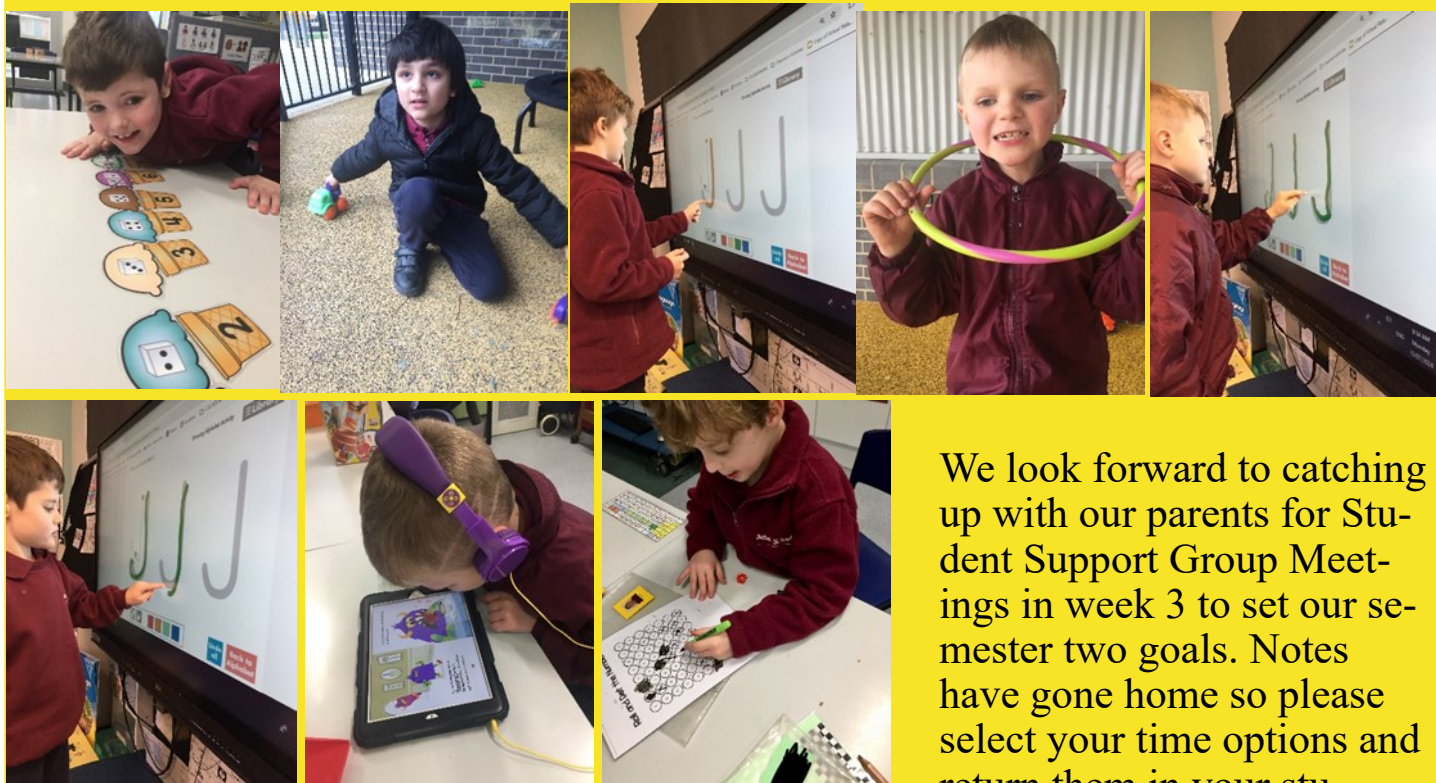
Room 1 News:

Welcome back to school for our second semester after the holidays. Our two week story cycle has begun with 'The Worm Who Knew Karate' and today we started to create our own Book Creator book about our favourite parts of the story.

We continue to write our Morning Message each day and are working on our letter of the week 'Jj'. We have had fun talking about all the things that begin with J and learning how to write the upper and lower case letters of Jj. Next week our letter of the week will be 'Qq'. We have had fun playing word games and are getting better at scanning our cards for the matching words.

We have started our numeracy focus with a review of our current number knowledge and are enjoying dice activities as part of our daily maths tasks to consolidate our learnings. We roll a dice and then mark the number off our charts until we have made a complete line. We also love our maths games where we can choose a game to share with a peer or an adult, a favourite has been the dog bone game and the dominoes game.

As always, we love our time with our specialist teachers on Wednesday's and this semester, we swap from the cooking program to the life skills program where we get to participate in activities in the Life Skills House with Anthea. We will continue with our Performing Arts with Jess, Physical Education with Amelia and Creative Arts with Olivia as well.



We look forward to catching up with our parents for Student Support Group Meetings in week 3 to set our semester two goals. Notes have gone home so please select your time options and return them in your student's diary folder

From the Room 1 Team:
Cas P, Marnie, Kate & Alicia J



ROOM 7 NEWS

Pennie, Kellie and Christina

Room 7

Room 7 had a great end of term 2. The last week of term was a big one with an outing to Belvoir Park for our end of term outing. Class party with pizza as reward for 'working towards' Dojo points, Crazy Big Theremin set up in room 15 and the incursion – You're and instrument. Term 3 has started well with students excited for food tech, in which this week they got to make Damper. In literacy we will be looking at different text types and creating texts. Our term topic this term is the Murry River. **We are looking**



Wellbeing



FoodShare's Community Pantry service supports members of the community experiencing financial hardship by providing:

- fresh fruit and vegetables
- protein and dairy products
- pantry staples/ household items/ frozen

How to access the supermarket:

If you or your family are struggling to put food on the table but you have funds available to cover the cost of a voucher, the agencies listed below are facilitating access to FoodShare vouchers. 1. You will need to buy a \$25 or a \$15 voucher from one of the below locations 2. Take the voucher to redeem it for food and supplies at 81 Wigg Street—FoodShare supermarket.

Vouchers are available from:

- The Personnel Group- 02 6041 1577
- Hyphen - Wodonga Library Gallery
- Vincent de Paul - Wodonga- 02 6024 3493 and leave a message for a call back
- VACCA— 03 5756 9000



The Department of Transport & Planning [Travel Pass program](#) provides free 30-day Travel Passes to Victorian students who are experiencing crisis to ensure they can continue to attend school by using public transport.

The program was recently expanded to include caregivers of eligible students, ensuring that they can accompany a student on their journey. Students' eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis by the school and the passes can be used across Victoria's public transport network.

Travel Passes

Primary, secondary and specialist schools can receive 30-day Travel Passes free of charge to give to students in crisis.

Travel Passes can be used on:

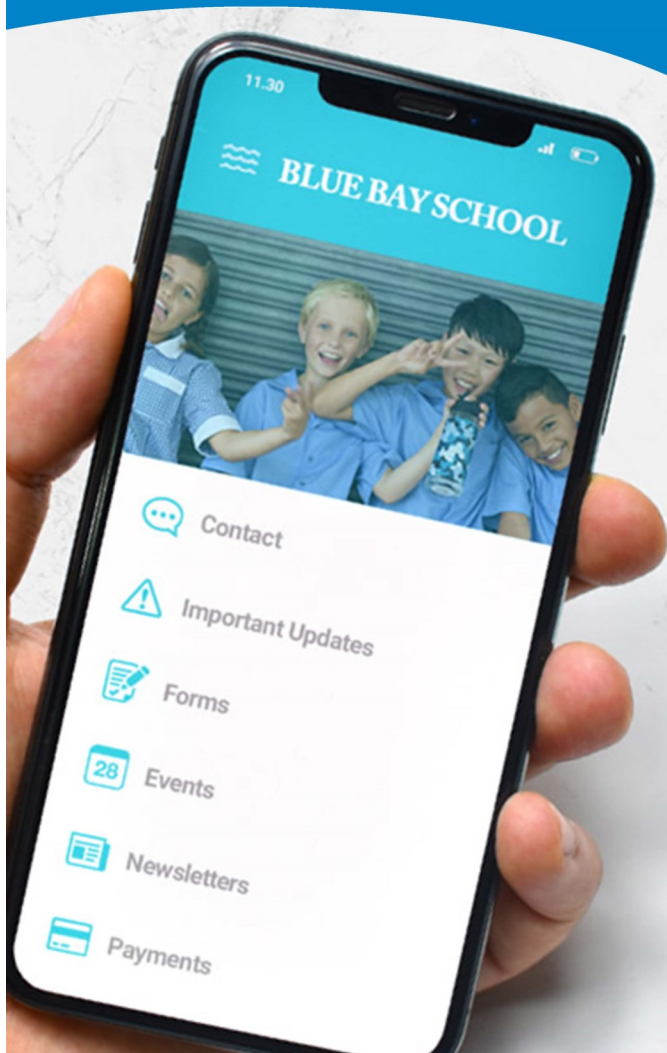
- bus, train and tram trips in metropolitan Melbourne (Zone 1 and 2)
- all regional town buses
- PTV inter-town buses
- V/Line coaches
- V/Line trains.

How to apply

Students can apply directly to their school.

Government schools can apply on behalf of students via their State Schools' Relief online portal.

Download our school app for free!



- Instant news notifications
- Online absentee forms
- Events and reminders



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.